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Teacher Appreciation



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Celebrating the Heart of Inclusive Education:

Every day, special education teachers make an extraordinary difference in the lives of students and families. Their work extends far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They are advocates, mentors, problem-solvers, and champions for every child's potential.

Special education teachers meet students where they are and help guide them toward growth, confidence, and independence. They create learning environments where differences are respected, abilities are celebrated, and every student is given the opportunity to succeed. Through patience, creativity, and dedication, they help students overcome challenges and discover strengths they may not have known they possessed.



What makes these educators truly remarkable is their unwavering commitment. They tailor instruction to meet individual needs, collaborate with families and support teams, and continuously adapt to ensure students receive the best possible education. Their work requires expertise, compassion, flexibility, and resilience. And they bring all of these qualities to school each day.

Behind every milestone achieved by a student in special education is often a teacher who believed in them wholeheartedly. Whether helping a child learn to communicate, build social skills, gain academic confidence, or celebrate a personal victory, special education teachers leave lasting impacts that reach far beyond the classroom walls.

To our special education teachers: thank you for your patience during difficult moments, your encouragement during moments of uncertainty, and your celebration of every success, big or small. Thank you for advocating tirelessly for inclusion, equity, and opportunity. Most importantly, thank you for seeing the potential in every student and helping them shine.

Your dedication changes lives, strengthens families, and builds more compassionate communities.

We are deeply grateful for all that you do.



▲ Iberville Parish (Iberville, LA) training with our Child Care Kit



▲ Lancaster High School (Lancaster, CA) working with our Table Service Kit



▲ Horry County (Horry, SC) teachers training with our Law Enforcement Kit



◀ State of Kansas Voc Rehab training with our Construction Trades Kit

COMING IN JULY

5 New Project Discovery Adapted Titles

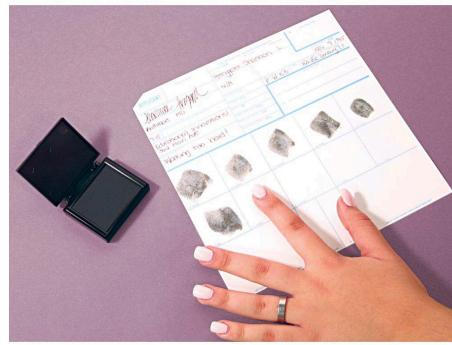
Education Associates is excited to introduce 5 new Project Discovery Adapted titles available in early July! In March we introduced the first title - Medical Patient Care, in April we shared our Construction Trades Kit. And this month we are highlighting Law Enforcement, bringing a whole new meaning to 'hands on'.

Medical Patient Care - Adapted
Construction Trades - Adapted
Law Enforcement - Adapted
Electricity - Adapted
Medical Emergency Services - Adapted

Law Enforcement - ADAPTED

Activities include:

- Taking Fingerprints
- Lifting Latent Fingerprints
- Making Print Type
- Casting a Footprint
- Footprint Comparison
- Handwriting Analysis
- Accident Investigation
- Crime Scene Investigation



WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS

Mr. Jeff Reinelt holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in special education administration from Grand Valley State University.



EMPOWERING EVERY LEARNER: A GUIDE TO 504 PLANS & IEPS



JEFF REINELT
Retired, Special Education Supervisor,
COP-ESD

He began his teaching career at Gaylord Community Schools and later transitioned into educational leadership at the Alpena–Montmorency–Alcona Educational Service District (AMA-ESD) in Alpena, Michigan.

Mr. Reinelt recently retired after serving as a Special Education Supervisor with the Cheboygan–Otsego–Presque Isle Educational Service District (COP-ESD). Over the course of more than 30 years, he has dedicated his career to supporting students with disabilities and leading special education staff and programs throughout northern Michigan. He has also served as a Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Instructor for several years, supporting safe and effective crisis prevention and intervention practices.

In this webinar, Mr. Reinelt discussed the similarities and differences in:

- Eligibility
- Plan Development and Implementation
- FAPE Requirements
- Access vs Services

[WATCH HERE](#)

No Webinar Wednesdays in June or July!

Enjoy your BREAK!



TEAM HAPPENINGS

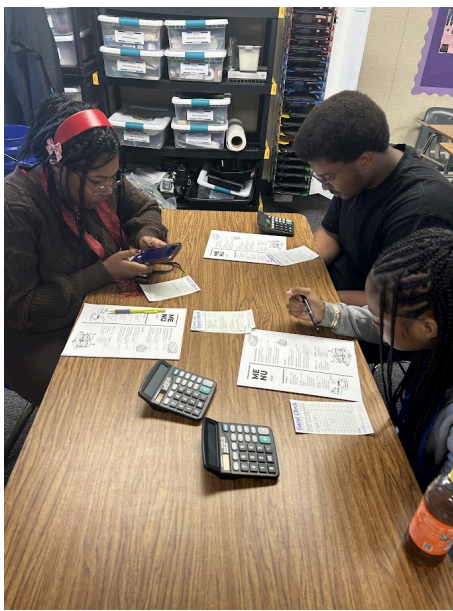


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Job Ready.

Project Discovery in action!

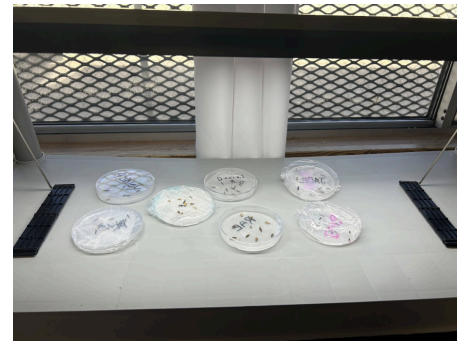


Mrs. Barron's Transition Classes
Working hard exploring new job
options and discovering careers
they're excited to learn more
about!



Food Service

Students at Lancaster High School are learning to be Food Service Assistants. Next, they plan to do Food Handler's Training!



Greenhouse Worker

Lancaster High School class experiencing a germination activity. They have 4 more activities and then they plan on planting a garden!

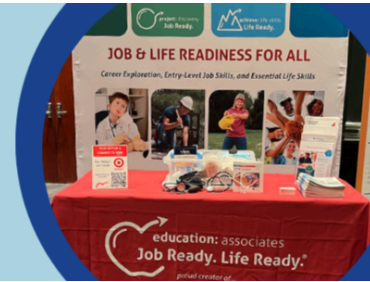


C.J. Hirschman at VCASE



C.J. Hirschman with Sandy Thorpe (Director of Student Services of Augusta County Public Schools), Tonya Logan with K12 Bloom, and Tanisha

MEET US AT UPCOMING EVENTS!



We will be attending the following events this spring, and we would LOVE to see you there!

- June 2-3| West Virginia Transition Conference
- June 22-23 Maine MADSEC Conference
- July 13-15 NY CASE

CHECK OUT ALL OUR EVENTS

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